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In Re Application of:

RALSTON et al.

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Art Unit: 1648

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Examiner: Hill, Myron G.

Title: ANTIBODIES TO HEPATITIS C VIRUS ASIALOGLYCOPROTEINS

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment accompanies the RCE filed herewith and is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed July 12, 2002. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.